

Public Notice – Environmental Project

PURPOSE OF NOTICE:

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Stafford County, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

March 31, 2017 to April 28, 2017

TYPE OF RESPONSE:

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed activity requiring a federal license/permit to determine whether it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (CZM) established pursuant to the federal Coastal Zone Management Act. The CZM Program seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Shirley Contracting Company, LLC (applicant) has submitted a Federal Consistency Certification for the Route 630 Widening project, a Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) Design/Build Project, located in Stafford County. The applicant is seeking the issuance of an U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) individual permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for impacts to jurisdictional waters of the United States from the proposed project. VDOT proposes to widen a 1.9 mile section of the road beginning at the intersection with Route 628 and extending to the intersection with Route 732. The project includes widening the road from a two-lane rural road into a four-lane median divided roadway and installing turn lanes where appropriate. The Route 628 and Route 630 intersection will be realigned, stormwater management facilities will be installed and a shared use path along the north side and sidewalk along portions of the south side will be installed. A typical section of the widening road would consist of four twelve-foot lanes, a sixteen-foot median, a ten-foot shared use path, and a five-foot sidewalk with curb and gutter. The Federal Consistency Certification finds that the proposed action is consistent with the enforceable policies of the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program. This consistency certification is submitted for a federal agency activity pursuant to the federal consistency regulation 15 CFR 930.51 (Subpart D) for projects requiring a federal license or permit.

HOW TO COMMENT:

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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